

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the specification, and replace it with the following amended paragraph.

To attain the above object, according to the invention, there is provided a metallic carrier for a catalytic converter in which a brazing foil material is wound around an outer periphery of an exhaust gas outlet side of a core formed by superposing one on top another corrugated sheet and flat sheet formed of metal sheets and by rolling them, and an assembly thereof is press-fitted into a metallic outer cylinder and is subjected to heat treatment so as to diffusionally join together the corrugated sheet and the flat sheet and join together an inner periphery of the outer cylinder and an outer periphery of the core by a brazing material, characterized in that a solder-rising preventing groove is provided over an entire circumference of the inner periphery of the outer cylinder at a position located on an exhaust gas inlet side of an area for joining the core).

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In addition, according to the invention, there is provided a metallic carrier for a catalytic converter in which a brazing foil material is wound around an outer periphery of a central portion of a core formed by superposing one on top another corrugated sheet and flat sheet formed of a metal sheet and by rolling them, and an assembly thereof is press-fitted into a metallic outer cylinder and is subjected to heat treatment so as to diffusionally join together the corrugated sheet and the flat sheet and join together an inner periphery of the outer cylinder and an outer periphery of the core by a brazing material), characterized in that solder-rising preventing grooves are provided over an entire circumference of the inner periphery of the outer cylinder at

positions located on an exhaust gas inlet side and an exhaust gas outlet side, respectively, of an area for joining the core.

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Fig. 3 illustrates another embodiment of the metallic carrier ~~in accordance with claim 2~~. In the drawing, reference numeral 21 denotes an outer cylinder formed of the same material as the aforementioned outer cylinder 15, and the inside diameter m of the outer cylinder 21 is also made smaller than the outside diameter n of the core 5 which is press-fitted into it.